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Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

PUBLIC OPINION AND OFFICIAL WASTE.

This comment comes from the report of the commission that investigated Hawaii county's financial tangle. It refers particularly to the inexcusable waste of public funds and the possible restriction on this waste:

Finally, we would say that the most potent restriction of all is an enlightened and informed public opinion. The basis of this is good methods of reporting and full publicity at the right time. Restrictive measures only fulfill their purpose adequately in the presence of a watchful and alert citizenship equipped with knowledge of essential details and, therefore, in a position to criticize performance and demand results intelligently.

The observation is pertinent to the situation on Oahu in view of the fact that the present board of supervisors has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the last two years on alleged street and road improvements.

THE NAVAL SITUATION ON THE PACIFIC

The little German cruiser Geier now in port does not appear particularly formidable, but the British cruiser Minotaur, a fairly new and powerful ship of 14,000 tons, was ordered to hunt down the Geier if possible before the tiny German craft could get away from the Chinese coast. The Hampshire and the Minotaur were sent to Yap in the Caroline islands to bombard the German wireless station and on their return the Minotaur made a detour to look for the Geier but failed to locate the German.

There is evidence that the presence of German warships in the Pacific is especially disquieting to the admiralty offices of the Allies. The Gneissau and the Scharnhorst are free-lancing around the Pacific, the Nürnberg and the Leipzig have caused much nervousness in hostile merchant marine circles and the arrival of the little Geier does not tend to allay the uncertainty as to what these detached Germans are likely to do.

The Atlantic has been swept fairly free of German and Austrian warships and British merchantmen are running about on their regular schedule. On the Pacific, though Japanese and British vessels are scouring the seaways, the enemy is active enough to worry the merchant liners more than a little.

GERMAN ATROCITIES DENIED.

The Star-Bulletin said weeks ago that better proof of German atrocities would have to be forthcoming than had then been furnished to stamp the horrible statements from Paris, London and various Belgian cities with the stamp of truth. Later developments confirm that opinion.

On September 17 the Chicago Tribune published a full-page article from James O'Donnell Bennett, one of its war correspondents. He had been for weeks in the field with the German forces—right in the red wake of war. He saw, as he frankly and in detail states, much of its devastation, ruthlessness, machine-like brutality. But he saw not one instance of atrocity visited upon an innocent non-combatant.

Bennett's statement is subscribed to by John T. McCutcheon, also of the Tribune, Irvin S. Cobb of the Saturday Evening Post, Roger Lewis of the Associated Press and Harry Hansen of the Chicago Daily News.

These men do not lie. Their statements are above suspicion. They are known to be accurate observers, trained newspapermen. They have no bias toward the Germans—indeed Bennett says that they all felt a little resentful at the restrictions put on them by the German officers. But they have all subscribed to the earnest statement that amid all the desperate horrors of war they found not one instance of "atrocity."

Instead they found the German soldiers remarkably well-behaved, sober, self-controlled, under moral as well as physical restraint.

It is well to remember these things. America has been treated to a flood of accusation against the Germans. Undoubtedly they have leveled villages and towns, visiting terrific punishment when civilians in ambush fired on their troops. But of reckless, murderous passion, of uncontrolled revenge, of barbaric and fiendish cruelties upon prisoners, women and children they have not been guilty, so far as five trained American observers could discover.

We would rather take the word of these American newspapermen than the statements of any of the belligerents.

WILL PROVE THE TERRITORY'S SINCERITY.

The territory's move to build some home-stand roads on Maui by the use of territorial prisoners is a move in the right direction. The main reason why prisoners have not been used in numbers for road-work in Hawaii before this is that county and territorial officials considered the matter from a political standpoint—fearing to lose votes if the electorate thought citizen laborers were kept out of a job because prisoners were set to work on the highways. The fallacy of this reasoning is apparent. Shortage of funds for road-work is a fairly chronic condition in Hawaii and under this condition the citizen laborers are out of work anyway. Many months ago this paper advocated the use of prisoners on the roads where no citizen labor would be displaced.

Maui needs the highways desperately, there is no question about that. The homesteaders have staked their future on the hazardous experiment in Haiku district. A failure of this experiment would not only ruin many if not all of the small farmers, but would give to the territorial homesteading system a black eye—would discredit the sincerity of Hawaii's efforts to build up American communities.

A NEW RULING ON WAR LOANS.

The Star-Bulletin commented editorially yesterday upon the peculiar interpretation of neutrality under which the administration prohibited war loans to belligerent powers and yet allowed those powers to purchase war material direct from the United States.

Last night the following Associated Press despatch brought the news that this original policy had been materially modified:

"WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The early and unofficial intimation given by President Wilson that he would regard the participation of Americans in any foreign war loan for the benefit of any of the belligerent nations in Europe as not in line with the spirit of his neutrality proclamation has been officially overruled.

"Yesterday it was announced that the officials of the administration, to whom the question had been submitted, had ruled that loans to belligerent nations by individual Americans, and by private firms, are in the same class with ordinary commercial transactions, to be conducted at the risk of the individual or firm, but in no sense to be regarded as a violation of the rules of national neutrality."

Presumably J. P. Morgan & Co. can now proceed if they wish to loan the French government \$100,000,000.

It will be interesting to see how financiers regard the ultimate result of the European war. They will hesitate to make a huge loan to the side they believe destined to disastrous defeat in the end.

What have the Democrats to show for their \$213,715 spent in Koolapoko, Koolauloa, Waialua, Waianae and Waimanalo? Nothing except a short piece of belt-road extension near Waialua, a few bridges and culverts—and a lot of politics.

Another Bryan peace treaty has been ratified. Also, Germany is understood to be building some 19- and 21-inch siege guns. These two items of information show two interesting points of view.

Turkey finds herself too poor to fight. This statement is quite unusual. The ordinary course is for a nation to plunge into war first and talk about poverty afterwards.

No wonder city streets have been suffering—with more than \$200,000 spent on outside districts in the last two years by the Democratic board of supervisors?

Every night now close to forty political orators are employed in saving the country. Perhaps it is a lucky thing that all can't be elected.

We'd like to mobilize these official European announcers all in one place, just to see what they look like.

The Canal Zone doesn't know the baseball season is over—judging by the way Culebra slid!

Mobilization of the German merchant marine in Honolulu progresses rapidly.

It is evidently a hazardous undertaking to whisper by wireless.

LETTERS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

IS THIS FAIR PLAY?

Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 16, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Do you consider it is fair to supply the German warship now in port with Australian coal, specially released from Australia on account of friendly relations existing between Australia and America, and more especially in view of the fact that the German warship is accompanied by a collier and is not destitute of coal?

Do you consider it is fair to supply meat to a German war vessel, in view of the appeal made to Australia by the United States to island meat supply, and the exception made by Australia in our favor? Would not Australia be justified in cutting off, without warning, the coal and meat supply for these islands, as she certainly does not supply us with these commodities to have us in turn supply a national ship of her enemies?

In short, are we playing the game in pleading poverty in coal and meats to Australia, obtaining valuable concessions from her in relation thereto, and supplying her enemies therewith?

Yours very truly,
FAIR PLAY.
LINCOLN-LEE LEGION.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Bah, rah, rah!
We are a Temperate Band.
We stand for Home and Native Land.

We'll drive the dram shop out.
Won't they tremble when we shout!
Kakaako! Kakaako!

Thus sang with a shout 69 boys and girls Wednesday afternoon last in their weekly Lincoln-Lee rally at the Kakaako mission, representing the colors blue, red, green and yellow, by groups in friendly rivalry. Perhaps a dozen different nationalities were represented in the rally while large photos of Mr. Lincoln and Gen. Robt. E. Lee smiled down into the happy faces of many hues with bright and lusty voices.

In splendid unison they repeated after their shouting song, "Trusting in God, I promise not to buy, sell or drink any whisky, wine, beer, gin or swipes."

Isn't that splendid? Right, too, under the very eaves of the Honolulu Malt and Brewing Company! Let these 69 boys and girls keep shouting and singing and growing in larger number and bigger enthusiasm, and it will be a great day of triumph when Mr. Bartlett and his big board of directors, plus stockholders, go out of business either because Kakaako has wholly climbed upon the water-wagon or that the day of prohibition of the traffic in liquors has dawned. Say! What a fine public cold storage plant the Honolulu Brewery would make! Most of the brewery and distillery plants of Virginia and West Virginia, having recently gone dry, are now doing a rushing business along cold storage lines. We don't see such a plant in Honolulu, especially in Kakaako.

JOHN W. WADMAN.

HONOLULU SKIES.

How brightly shines each throbbing star
In Heaven's vault above!
And lo, the Southern Cross,—so far
From eyes of those we love!
But distance doth not heart's debar;
Nor love fail those who rove.

And they who named it as they sailed,
And nightly saw it rise,
Knew that the love that never failed
Was theirs 'neath alien skies;
And nightly they its shining hailed—
In the faith that death defies.

The same—for once on Judea's hill,
Betwixt the earth and sky,
Earth shuddered; and doth hearken still!

To hear that woeful cry:—
My God, my God! Save me from ill—
Must I forsaken die?

Nay, nevermore! and when He rose
The cross was lifted high.
See where it sparkles—how it glows,
Untouched by change or loss!
Safe are our loves from earthly foes
When earth itself is dross.

—REV. W. W. LOVEJOY.

Oct. 17, 1914.
Governor Pinkham today signed a parole for Ramon de la Cruz, a prisoner at the Volcano jail, who was convicted and sentenced in July, 1910, to serve an indeterminate sentence of 18 months to 10 years for assault and battery with a weapon. He has served four years and three months.

MILL ENGINEERS WILL GATHER ON ROOF TOMORROW

Delegates to the Mill Engineers' convention, which convenes in Honolulu tomorrow, will arrive from Hawaii and Maui on the Mauna Kea tomorrow morning, while those from Kauai will not reach this city until Sunday morning.

It is desired by the committee in charge of arrangements that all delegates in Honolulu tomorrow evening will meet on the roof garden at the Young hotel for an informal discussion of the work that is to come before the different sessions of the convention.

DIVORCED MAN GIVEN SECOND FREEDOM IN LOCAL COURT TODAY

William H. Hindle, whose wife obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce in Alameda county on October 5, was granted a separate and distinct decree by Circuit Judge Whitney this morning, on the ground of desertion. This is an unusual feature, the like of which probably never before occurred in a divorce court of the territory.

Whether a decree granted in California would have effect in Hawaii has probably never been treated here, though there seems to be little doubt that it would. But the husband in the present case was particularly anxious to have a decree effective at once, while the interlocutory decree obtained by Mrs. Hindle is under a special California law which grants a separation but does not become effective until a year later. On this theory the California decree therefore would not be effective until October of next year. Hence that granted by Judge Whitney should have prior effect.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JAY A. URICE: While the Y. M. C. A. is in no way interested in politics, yet the members are thoroughly enjoying the series of "political" talks which are being given each Thursday evening in Cooke hall by representatives of the several parties.

—H. P. WOOD: I believe that the "Graphologue" which has been adopted by the Hawaii Fair Commission will be met with greater favor by the visitors to the lecture room in the Hawaiian building than a public speaker.

JAPANESE PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP IS ACCEPTED IN HONOLULU

A petition for citizenship, filed in the office of the clerk of the federal court by Takao Ozawa, a native of Japan, this morning was accepted by Clerk Augustus E. Murphy. According to Mr. Murphy this is the first instance in which the application of a Japanese, not Hawaiian-born, has been accepted.

The petition was accepted by Mr. Murphy following his explanation to the Japanese that the petition will be heard in open court, and that the court will decide whether he shall be given the rights of naturalization. Ozawa appeared in the clerk's office this morning in company with two witnesses, L. A. Perry and B. H. Clarke. The Japanese applied for a petition for citizenship several weeks ago, the petition having been refused under section 2169 of the Revised Statutes. Clerk Murphy took the matter up with the naturalization authorities in Washington, D. C., and received recently a communication from R. K. Campbell, chief of the division of naturalization, advising that he accept the petition for citizenship and let the matter of naturalization lie with the court.

Clerk Murphy says that the authorities show that all applications which have been made by Japanese for citizenship in the United States have been rejected. In September, 1908, a Japanese desired to file in the federal court a petition for citizenship. The petition was refused by Mr. Murphy, and his action upheld by the naturalization authorities in Washington. Ozawa, the present petitioner, was born in Japan and for the past six years has been an employee of T. H. Davies & Company.

The next jury trials set for hearing in the criminal division of the first circuit court are the two cases against Attorney Claudius H. McBride, in which he is held for a violation of the traffic ordinance and for needless driving. Both are set for 9 o'clock next Monday morning. There were no jury trials in Judge Ashford's court today.

For Sale—Bargain

Do you want a home near the Oahu College where your children can attend either the College or the Preparatory School—and can come home to a warm lunch—and where you can save 10c a day on each child for car fare? We have for sale a house and lot situated on Wilder avenue, adjoining the park on the corner of Punahou and Wilder avenues. The lot has a frontage of 122 feet, and an area of 10,955 square feet. The house is in good condition, has three bedrooms, parlor, dining room, convenient servants' quarters, gas and electric lights. If you do not desire to keep house, you and your family can take your meals at the Pleasanton across the way. This is a bargain. Price \$10,000. A certain amount can remain on mortgage.

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NOTLEY FAILS TO CONTRIBUTE FEE AND IS NOT A CANDIDATE

The romance of his honeymoon evidently absorbing all his attention and time Charles K. Notley has neglected to pay Secretary Thayer his nomination fee of \$25, and for the first time in many years Notley's name will not appear on the ballots at the next election as Home Rule candidate for delegate to Congress.

It is stated that shortly after the recent primary Notley was married, leaving Honolulu at once for the other islands, where he remains. Just after

the primary he was heard to declare in no uncertain terms that he proposed remaining in the race to the end, but his nominating fee has not been paid, and now he is too late; under the law the secretary could not accept it.

Kahalelo, aspirant of the Lahui party for the delegateship, also is out of the race, and for the same reason; failure to pay the nomination fee. Romance, so far as known, did not enter into his reasons for the failure, however.

CHINESE LABORERS CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS AID OF EUROPEANS

Chinese workers in the rice and taro fields at Hauula, to the number of 55, have become interested in the matter of relieving the sufferings of the widows and orphans in the war-infested countries of Europe to the extent that they have contributed \$30.30 toward the funds now being raised in Hawaii by the War Relief Committee.

When a member of the relief committee opened a letter this morning from William McQuaid, manager of the Koolau Agricultural Company, and the committee's agent for windward Oahu, a check for the foregoing amount fluttered out. In company with the check was a list of the names of those Chinese who had subscribed. The sum which each Chinese gave was small,

but each 25-cent and 50-cent donation showed that the spirit of charity and sympathy which has permeated Hawaii is far-reaching.

Other letters today brought \$135.30. That there is a warm feeling of sympathy being expressed for the Belgians is shown by the fact that \$80 of that amount was designated for the sufferers in that small European country. The money designated for Belgium was individual checks for \$50, \$25 and \$5.

The mite boxes which have been adopted by the War Relief Committee for a more speedy collection of funds, this morning were placed in the principal stores and business houses in Honolulu.

Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$50,000 were obtained by five masked robbers who entered the home of Mrs. Nellie Clark at Kanaka, Ill.

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